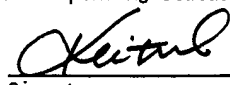


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/540,621 (unofficial)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/017014	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 26, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 27, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION NERVE REGENERATION-INDUCING TUBE			DATE August 18, 2005
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Nobutoshi DOI, Hideaki MURAHASHI and Kenichiro HATA			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). (* pages and * sheets of drawings (Fig(s). *-*)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(C)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 			
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 			

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				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
The following fees are submitted: 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee \$300.00					
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If international preliminary examination report prepared by UPSTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00 All other situations \$200.00					
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00					
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =				\$ 0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 [XX] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 130.00	
National Stage Application Size Fee - If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets, the application size fee due is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof.					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	- 20		x \$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	
Indep. claims	- 3		x \$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 130.00	
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
SUB TOTAL =				\$ 130.00	
Processing fee \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 130.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 170.00	
08/23/2005 ATRANI 00000005 10540621 01 FC:1617 130.00 OP				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				charged	\$
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>a. [XX] Payment in the amount of <u>\$170.00</u> is authorized by credit card (PTO-2038).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of <u>\$*.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>111833</u> in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>d. [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>111833</u>.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to review (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">  Signature Keiko Tanaka Kubovcik Name 40,428 Registration Number August 18, 2005 Date </div> </div>					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: KUBOVCIK & KUBOVCIK The Farragut Building Suite 710 900 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"></div> </div>					

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